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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 12-14. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/758,268, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application No. 2000-312990, filed on October 13, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi Cable, Ltd., at Reel 011759, and Frame 0386.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

A Petition and Fee for One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2003 in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/758,268, is being filed on even date herewith.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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